



THE BREAD LINE

WINTER 2016

Join the Bridge Society

Leave a lasting legacy and make a real difference for our families for years to come! Learn about Our Daily Bread's Bridge Society at: www.ODBFairfax.org/PlannedGiving



Artful Living: An Evening of Art, Wine & Community

Join us for our second annual Artful Living event: *Seeing the Beauty Within*, in association with Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Festival on Saturday, April 23, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax City. Early bird pricing for tickets is \$40. \$45 after April 1; \$50 at the door. Register at: www.ODBFairfax.org.

During the evening, we will enjoy inspirational works of art, lively Latin-jazz sounds from local band Batida Diferente, and delicious wine and appetizers. Proceeds from *Artful Living* will benefit Our Daily Bread's clients and the Spotlight on the Arts Festival Scholarship Fund.

CALL FOR ART! Please share our Artful Living information with any artists you know. We are seeking art from a variety of media for our juried art show. Cash Prizes Available! Professional, amateur and student art will be considered.

Submissions are due by April 1, 2016. Send a .jpg file of art work to info@ODBFairfax.org. Visit www.ODBFairfax.org/Art for submission guidelines.



Employees of Kelly, Byrnes & Danker, PLLC preparing to deliver gifts to the family they sponsored through Our Daily Bread's Holiday Program.

Holiday Joy: Delivered!

Our Daily Bread is so grateful to all the community members who came together in November and December to help nearly 3,000 individuals and families in need forget their struggles for a while and enjoy a festive holiday season. More than 800 families, businesses, community organizations and faith communities sponsored our families, providing Thanksgiving meals, December holiday meals and gifts for children in need.

ODB's 2015 Holiday Program was made possible through a grant from Fairfax County's Department of Health and Human Services, and the following sponsors and grantors: Combined Properties, Incorporated; General Dynamics Mission Systems Employees; Cox Farms; The Rosenbaum Lending Group; Northrop Grumman Employees Charity Organization; Weichert Realtors Annandale; Ned Devine's Irish Pub; ALIASS; Paxton Van Lines; Emmanuel Lutheran Church; Cubby's Closet, LLC; Zeta Associates; St. Mark's Giving Tree; Nolij Consulting; and Franklin Park Women's Book Group.

MISSION

Our Daily Bread provides our Fairfax County area neighbors in need with short-term safety-net services and empowers them to work toward long-term self-sufficiency.

PROGRAMS

- Financial Assistance
- Financial Literacy
- Food Bridge
- Naomi Project
- Project BRIDGE
- Holiday Assistance
- Back to School

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Project BRIDGE Graduate Sherrie with her mentor, Ken Kozloff

Sherrie's Story

Sherrie graduated from Our Daily Bread's Project BRIDGE Program in May 2015. She came to the Program after attending one of ODB's free "Thrifty Thursdays" Basic Budgeting classes. At the time, Sherrie was working as an office manager. She was in debt after having taken out payday loans without fully understanding the terms of the loans. She knew she needed help and was ready to learn how to pay off these debts and work toward becoming truly financially stable. Her financial goals were: Achieve financial stability; pay off debt; and find a better-paying job.

Sherrie worked with her volunteer Financial Mentor Ken Kozloff to learn how to prepare a budget and how to accept financial accountability. "I had to discipline myself mentally and emotionally. I just made up my mind that I was going to accomplish these goals." She says to future clients that ODB's staff and volunteers – along with support programs such as Food Bridge supplemental food assistance – are "truly there to help you succeed in life." She said she learned "I can do and accomplish anything with a strong support team. Support and resources are the key. I could not have done it without the great resources provided to me, and my mentor."

Project BRIDGE now has 10 graduates and nine more working moms in various stages of their year-long journey to achieve lasting financial self-sufficiency for themselves and their families. Learn more about Project BRIDGE and our graduates at: www.ODBFairfax.org/ProjectBridge.

Be a Food Bridge Supporter

Our Daily Bread's Food Bridge Program is seeking community organizations to help us provide food assistance to our families. Supporting organizations sign up for one or more Sundays during the year, and on that day or the week leading up to it, they deliver grocery gift cards or food and supplies to 30 families who are registered for our supplemental food program.

Our supporters are local faith communities, community organizations and businesses. They hold donation drives in the weeks leading up to their Sunday and then coordinate with ODB to either mail gift cards, deliver food, or deliver a combination of gift cards and supplies to families. Being a Food Bridge supporting organization offers an opportunity to help your neighbors in need in a very personal way, and your support allows ODB to provide more assistance to our families.

To learn more, visit: www.ODBFairfax.org/FoodBridge, or contact Christina Garris at 703.273.8829 or food@ODBFairfax.org.

Or donate at: www.ODBFoodBridge.org to help us provide grocery gift cards on weekends when we have no supporting organization signed up to help.

2015 BY THE NUMBERS...

- 328 households received Food assistance.
- 451 households received Financial assistance.
- 667 Financial Literacy clients attended classes or received mentoring or free financial counseling.
- 17 clients were mentored in Project BRIDGE. 6 clients graduated.
- 28 clients were mentored in Naomi Project.
- 2,945 households received Holiday assistance.
- 2,446 children received Back to School assistance.
- 2,789 volunteers provided 8,126 hours of service.

Thanks to YOU!

"I want to thank you for all the support we are receiving from your organization. Every time we sit down at the table, we remember how blessed we are for you, for all the efforts that you have made to our welfare. We were going through a very difficult situation, but now, slowly, we are getting settled."

– An Our Daily Bread Client



Service and Remembrance

Our Daily Bread was delighted to host children from the First Baptist Church of Vienna, who joined us to inventory our pantry as part of their Martin Luther King Day of Service on January 18.

There were 35 volunteers ranging from ages 6 to 17, and they worked so efficiently to weigh and organize nearly 3,300 pounds of food and supplies. They also helped with a mailing and some other office needs.

Another great group of youths from the Reston chapter of Jack and Jill of America donated food and gathered that day to make Food4Thought packs to donate to our partner school, Marshall Road Elementary. Our Food4Thought partners provide packs of food to children in need at their schools to take home for the weekend.

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Help Your Neighbors in Need!
Volunteer or Donate to Our Daily Bread.
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